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## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

Delivered by our late President, Dr. Broun.

The two following addresses delivered at Commencement by our late revered and beloved President, Dr. Wm. LeRoy Broun, are published here to show how solicitous he was for all the graduates, how earnestly he strove to make out of each of them true Christian gentlemen of the highest type.

These short talks will recall to all the old students the tender fatherly care that Dr. Broun exercised over them. To the new students, whose misfortune it was to be associated with him but a short time, these addresses will give a clearer insight into the high, noble, Christian character that he possessed. They will show to them how much at heart he had the interests of those whom he sent out from here; the kindly advice and warning in these short sweet talks are none other than that given to a son by a loving, solicitous father when he sends him out into the world to fight his own battles.

Before Dr. Broun lost his voice it was customary with him, after delivering the diplomas to the graduates, to have them line up in front of him and he would give them short talks; such were the occasion of these addresses.

These talks show briefly the greatest object that Dr. Broun had in view in educating young men—that of instilling thoroughly into their minds the great importance of a true Christian character.

COMMENCEMENT, 1889-90.

Young Gentlemen Graduates—I congratulate you on the honors you have just received; I congratulate you on the earnest, faithful work you have done at this institution, and on the good order that has marked your college residence here; and not only to yourselves but to the entire body of students, in behalf of the faculty and citizens, I express our grateful acknowledgments and thanks for the excellent year that is now about to close. Today, young gentlemen, you enter upon a new phase of life. This is your "Commencement Day," the day on which you are relieved of the restraints of collegiate discipline, assume the manly toga of self-control, and commence your active life.

Each of you, happy in the joyful strength of youth, looks forward to a bright future, each of you with confident hopes of success. And the question occurs, What is your desire, and how will you gain it?

You have received that mental training and discipline that comes of a

general education, and now you must specialize for your life-work; for your particular vocation. Day by day study your vocation, whatever it may be. Learn to love it, to love to work in it, and strive to master it, in its larger aspects, as well as in its minutest details. Whether you engage in farming or manufacturing, whether your vocation be commercial or professional, competition you will find everywhere, with no honors for laggards. Hence you must learn to sharpen your wedge and drive it with the sharp end foremost.

Remember that what makes the great difference between men in active life is just what makes the difference between the students at college. It is not talent, but energy; not the possession of gifts, but the persistent, energetic use of these gifts to the attainment of an object worthy of your best manhood. And remember again, that influence you may exert in the sphere of your life depends not on learning so much as on wisdom; not on intellect so much as on character.

See the assembled thousands, but yesterday, in a distant land, with uncovered heads paying tribute to that highest type of Christian manhood this century has produced. They bowed in honor, not to intellect alone, but to that true and noble character which you and Southern youth should cherish with special pride as his ideal standard of true excellence.

The attainment of position, the accumulation of wealth, without the highest regard and affection of your fellow men, is not success but failure. Success, with esteem, comes of purity of life, of integrity of character, of earnest, true and faithful performance of your duty to the best of your ability.

Then what must you do? Do your best; do your best in all things, and be true, true in thought, true in word and true in deed.

But after all your best efforts have been made, disappointment may come and failure may stalk in your path; but remember it is the true courageous man who knows the way to success lies through partial failure; who knows failures have their lessons and should serve to correct mistakes and nerve the heart of the brave to a more determined effort.

It is not prosperity, but adversity, disappointment and failure, that develops what is true and noble in man. Then if pitfalls and obstacles lie in your pathway, only work the more earnestly, and ever remember that your Heavenly Father has granted you privileges and opportunities, and has given you talents, which are not to lie hid in a napkin but are to work for righteousness, and influencing others by the elevating influences of the Christian character.

Be, then, true worthy sons of your Alma Mater and so act that in years to come, the students who fill these halls will feel honored that your names are enrolled among its grad-

uates. Take this word home to your bosoms, think of it, make it, in after years a part of your character:

"Let thought be in thine eye,  
And from thy brow the dew of labor start,  
And let the love of what is pure and high,  
Be strong within thy heart."

An address made to the graduating class of 1894, at Auburn, Ala., by Dr. Wm. LeRoy Broun:

With the diploma you have just received, our connection as student and instructor ceases to exist, and now you are about to begin life in a new sphere, with new surroundings to influence you, and new hopes to inspire you, carrying with you your diploma as a testimonial of honest work done; in laying a broad and secure foundation in which to build the superstructure of your life's work.

What have you gained during your residence here? What in your estimation will be of special value? Do you suppose it is the knowledge you have obtained of Chemistry, of Agriculture, of Mathematics, of Physics, or of any other department taught in the College? If so you are mistaken. It is not the knowledge you have obtained, not the facts and principles you have stored up in your mind, but rather the discipline and training of your mental faculties in acquiring that knowledge. It is not the amount of food that gives strength and vigor to the body, but rather its transformation assimilated into nerve and fibre and muscle. It is not the knowledge acquired, small or large as it may be, but the effort of its getting, the tendency thereby given to your mental energies, the cultivation of accurate observation, of logical reasoning; the opening to your view the expansive fields of knowledge, and the inspiration to work, to obtain more knowledge.

Let me remind you that you have no cause for conceit by reason of large acquirements. You best know you have just crossed the threshold and are simply prepared to begin work, and the question now confronts you will you do the work, will you go forward? Are you content to rest on what you have done, will you build a noble structure on the foundation here? Will you look backward or forward, until work ceases to be toil and becomes a joy?

Let me give you a motto to take with you as you now sever your connection with the College.

I am reminded that now many years have passed since I stood where you stand today and received my degree from the University of a sister State, and by my side was a young man who was then among his fellow students highly esteemed for his noble Christian character and supreme talents, and in honor of whose memory but very recently memorial celebrations have been held in Church and religious assem-

blies through the Southern States, telling in eloquent terms of the loss by his death to learning and religion, to Church and State. He, Dr. John A. Broadus, nobly illustrated in his life the motto with which he closed his address before the faculty and students of that University, and that motto I give you to day to keep and treasure.

"Fear God and work"—take it to your bosom, write it on your heart, make it the rule of your life. "Fear God and work."

## Base Ball.

A splendid schedule of games is being arranged by Manager Alford, so far games have been arranged with the following: University of Alabama, in Selma, Ala., April 11th and 12th, three games; Mercer University in Macon, Ga., April 19th, one game. The 'Varsity will meet several teams, representing other colleges, beside some Athletic Association teams. It is hoped that we will have some interesting games on the campus this season.

Coach Wilhelm arrived last Monday, and has been with the team in the afternoon practices since his arrival. Great changes in the team are already perceptible, and there is no doubt that this year's 'Varsity will be a winner.

The Advisory Board is trying to arrange for a series of class baseball games and it is hoped that they will succeed, as this will bring out more material, and be instrumental in developing more interest in baseball.

A good scrub is of great benefit in the practices, in fact very little can be accomplished without it, so let everyone that takes any interest in baseball come out regularly.

## Literary Societies.

We are glad to note that there seems to be some interest reviving in the literary societies. There was a rather full gathering of representative students on Friday night, March 14, members of both societies being present. An address was made by Prof. C. C. Thach on this occasion setting forth the advantages of a good debating society, and seeking to arouse enthusiasm on this line. He dwelt at length on the many benefits to be derived: The knowledge to be obtained by investigating for debate the live topics of the day, the mental training to be derived from debate with one's fellows, the genuine friendships formed in similar literary tastes, the knowledge of parliamentary law, etc., etc. The power to express, he said, and the power to think go hand in hand. The aim of literary societies is not to develop Websters and Clays, but to train in simple and intelligent expression in language that is not illiterate. Our late honored President used to say that the training of a literary society was equal to that gained under any professor in college work. The question is, Are the students entirely indifferent to this kind of intellectual pleasure and development?

The Trustee's medal for the best debater in each society will be awarded by each society at an early date.



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### FRATERNITIES.

Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma.

The Orange and Blue failed to appear last week on account of examinations.

Examinations are over for all classes; regular third term work has commenced.

Baseball practice has been begun in earnest. The coach has arrived and regular practices are held in the afternoon.

Let all the students give their hearty encouragement to the baseball team not only by aiding them financially but also when an opportunity presents itself let there be plenty of "rooting." Nothing does more for the team than to show them that they have the full support of the students.

Coach Wilhelm is now putting all his power into an effort to turn out a first-class baseball team for Auburn. It is impossible to tell just at this time what is the nature of the material that he has at his command. It is a fact to be lamented that only two or three of last year's team have returned. But this should not be so discouraging; it is very probable that some of the new men are in just as good form and have had as good training as they could have received if they had played on a college team.

There has been some talk of procuring an extra coach for the next football season. This, it seems to us, would be a very good and practical idea. Experience has shown a great many of our leading colleges that one man cannot do ample coaching for eleven men. The idea here is to get a good man for head-coach, whose duty it shall be to do the general work of training, that is, he will have charge of the team as a whole, while his assistant will pay more attention to individual work and development. We cannot see how any opposition to this either by the students or faculty could be brought up; now, most assuredly is the accepted time, for our financial condition for next season is all that could be desired; now is the time that there is a full determination on the part of the old players that next year's team shall be one of the swiftest that Auburn has ever turned out. So by all means let us engage coaches and turn out an "Auburn" football team next year.



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Miss Lucile Burton spent one day last week in Opelika with her cousin, Miss Mary Burton.

Miss Allie Glenn is visiting friends in Birmingham.

Nunnally's Almond Brittle at Jackson's. tf

Cadet Captains Garber and Park made a trip to Opelika last week.

Mr. Holt Glenn, of Montgomery, former student of this college, was here a few days last week with relatives in Auburn.

A new line of Olives, Dates and Figs to arrive next week at Jackson's. tf

Dr. Geo. Petrie spent last Saturday in Montgomery.

Prof.—"What canal played a great part in the development of one of our States?"

Cadet J. D. E.—"Nicaragua canal."

Mr. Houston Wills, class of '01," who has been teaching school near Selma (?) is now staying at his home in this place.

Go to Jackson's for a cup of delicious hot Chocolate with a Sandwich. tf

Miss Mary Drake spent a few hours in Opelika last Monday.

Cadet Abercrombie on account of sickness went to his home at Tuskegee last week.

Dr. J. M. Mason spent several days in town with friends last week.

On account of the rain the social meeting of the Epworth League at the residence of Dr. O. M. Steadham was postponed until next Monday night.

All kinds of Crackers, Cakes and Saltines at Jackson's. tf

Dr. J. H. Drake went to Opelika last Tuesday.

Cadets E. and R. Kauffman on account of the sad news of the death of their father, left for their home near Mobile Sunday.

Miss Gordon, of Flomaton, Ala., is visiting Miss Idaline Bell.

Cadet Searcy made a business trip to Opelika last Friday.

Mr. Hugh M. McIlhaney, Southern Sec'y of the Y. M. C. A., spent several days in town last week. Mr. McIlhaney is an earnest worker in the Y. M. C. A. movement and we all enjoy having him with us.

Fresh Salted Peanuts every week at Jackson's. tf

Mrs. Miller, of Florida, is visiting her son, Cadet Miller.

Cadets McNeel, Paterson, and Burke visited their homes at Montgomery last week.

Cadet Jordan spent several days at his home at Tallassee just after examinations were over.

Cadet Gresham made a visit home last week.

Cadet Serg't W. W. Rutland made a business trip to Opelika last Saturday.

We all regret that on account of sickness Cadet Kilpatrick was forced to leave college for his home last week.

Miss Jenkins was the guest of Miss Idaline Bell last week.

Mr. Ed Burney, of Lanett, made a short visit to his brother.

Mrs. Young, of York, Ala., is visiting her son, Cadet Young.

Prof. of Chemistry—"What are the chief characteristics of Phosphorus and Silica?"

Cadet—Phosphorous is a very soft gas and can be easily cut with a knife. Silica is most abundant element found except oxygen. It is found only in QUARTZ.

Mrs. Ashby McFadyen on Child Labor in the Mills.

The address on child labor in the mills by Mrs. McFadyen before the students in the chapel on Wednesday morning was most interesting and instructive. The speaker has a most attractive personality, is simple and natural in language and manner, deeply interested in her message, and convinces her hearers. From the very first, one is never nervous as to how the speaker will come out.

In her address before the students, she emphasized the necessity of "Social Common Sense" in dealing with this great problem.

She regarded it as wicked waste and extravagance on the part of any State to coin its children's blood into dividends for mill owners. There are over 1200 children below twelve years of age at work in Alabama mills; over 1600 in the mills of the South. The South is using the very latest modern mill machinery, but is changing to a relic of white slavery that has been abandoned in every other section of the civilized world, Europe, England, New England, etc.

The speaker pointed out the loss to any community from low wages. The standard of life is as the wage; with low wage business in every department stagnates. Child labor means cheap labor, and commercial inactivity. In one mill a mother and two children earn 47 1-2 cents per day. Often the father sits idle depending upon the work of his wife and children. And often the lazy, ignorant parent is opposed to any improvement in the lot of the child.

Long hours, constant standing on feet, destroy the physical stamina of these little victims to commercial greed. Their faces are sallow, pinched and wizened; and they often die like flies. They are stunted in growth and can never be really first class producers. They are used up in the sap. The humid air of mills

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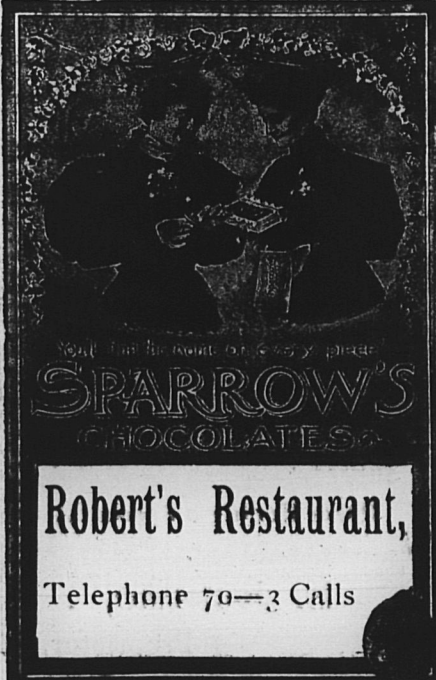
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And then a line that never was,  
And then you prove something you  
already see  
Doesn't do what you know it does.

Next, you draw a line and say it's  
straight,  
As straight as any stick;  
Then turn around and straightway  
prove  
It's as square as any brick.

—Ex.

President Elliott of Harvard University will leave for the West early in the spring. He will visit many of the universities in the Middle West, on the Pacific Coast and in the South. He will spend a week in San Francisco during March and will take part in the Charter Day exercises at the University of California.—Ex.

"Non paratus," Freshie dixit, cum a sad and doleful look. Alle rechte, Prof. respondit, Nihil scripsit in his book.

The University of Chicago is to establish an annex at Paris.—Ex.

More than forty per cent of the students at Columbia hold degrees.—Ex.

J. P. Morgan has given \$2,000,000 to Sewanee, as an endowment.—Ex.

At the opposite ends of the sofa  
They sat, with vain regrets;  
She had been eating onions  
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—Ex.

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Mrs. Ashby McFadyen on Child Labor in the Mills.

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filled with lint is a perfect medium for germs of tuberculosis.

Under the present conditions this army of white children goes uneducated, while the negroes go flocking to school. Without training, without intelligence, without skill, these children will ever be hewers of wood and drawers of water; servants to their brethren.

The speaker dwelt upon the rich possibilities of the South as a manufacturing region. Rich in resources to a degree in many respects unequaled elsewhere in the world, the South should be the home of iron, cotton and other industries. But this cannot be with an ignorant, undeveloped, stupid, inartistic working population. To do the higher grades of work there must be higher grades of education, and this can not be when the infants are enslaved at the loom. In vast sections of the South there is a numerous Anglo-Saxon population—untrained and ignorant—but full of the great possibilities of this great race of people. This is its first chance. Let it not turn to ashes on the tip.

The boasted advantages and facilities of mill organizations for education avail but little for children who are shut up in the foul air of the loom room. The pleasures of liberty are of little avail to those in prison.

Voluntary rules of the several corporations will not remedy the matter. Capital wants returns—according to an inexorable law. Capital must have "the bond, the bond" and human life, human soul must be ground up as so many bales of stuff for the mills. To meet this law, this irrepressible conflict, there must be law—community law.

Mrs. McFadyen concluded with an appeal to the enlightened young manhood of the State to take the matter to heart. True prosperity and righteousness, she said, go hand in hand. Her clear, forceful presentation of the matter made a profound impression.

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